

Observing the Earth from Space

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radio and

television

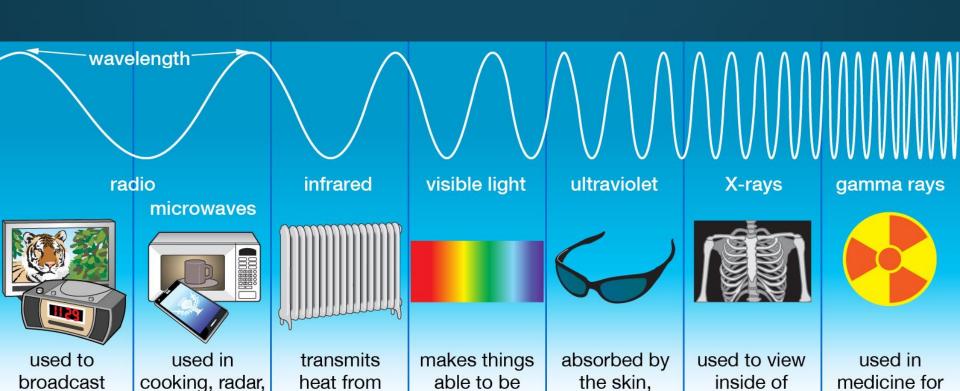
telephone and

other signals

sun, fires,

radiators

The Electromagnetic Spectrum



seen

used in

fluorescent

tubes

bodies and

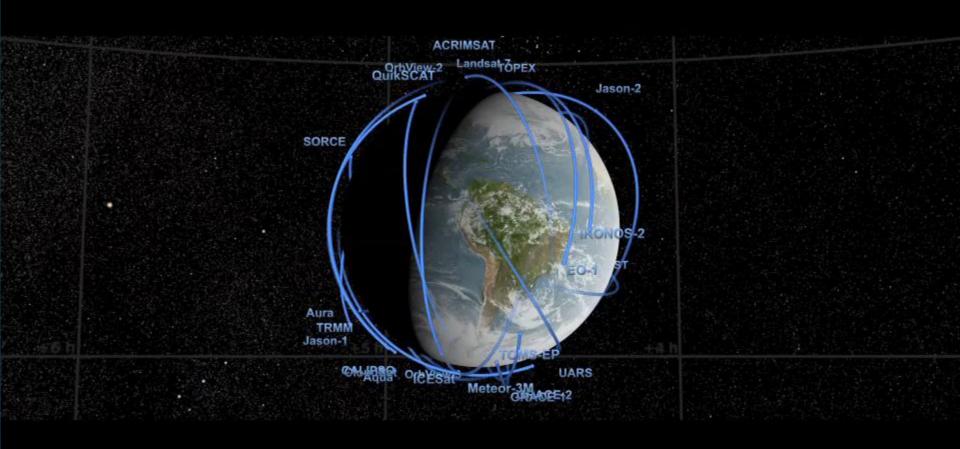
objects

killing cancer

cells

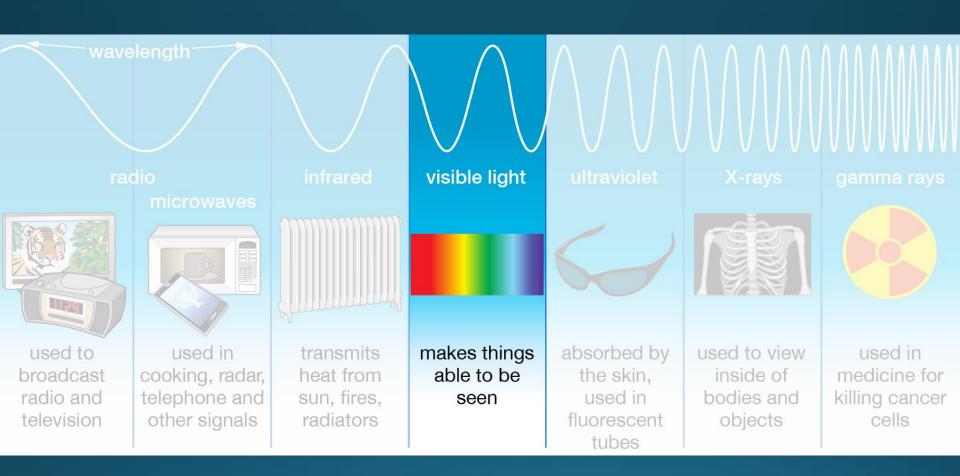


NASA's Earth Observing Satellites



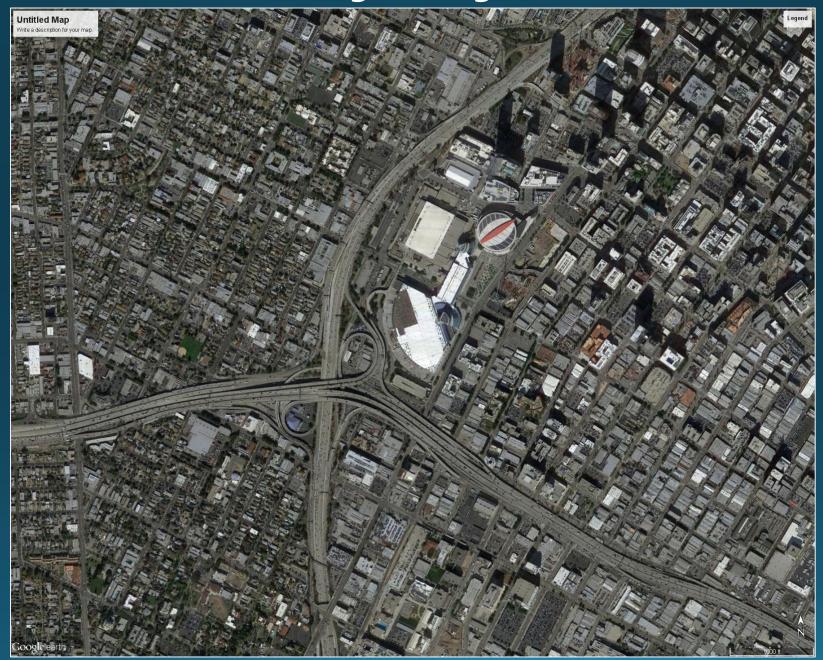


The Electromagnetic Spectrum--Visible



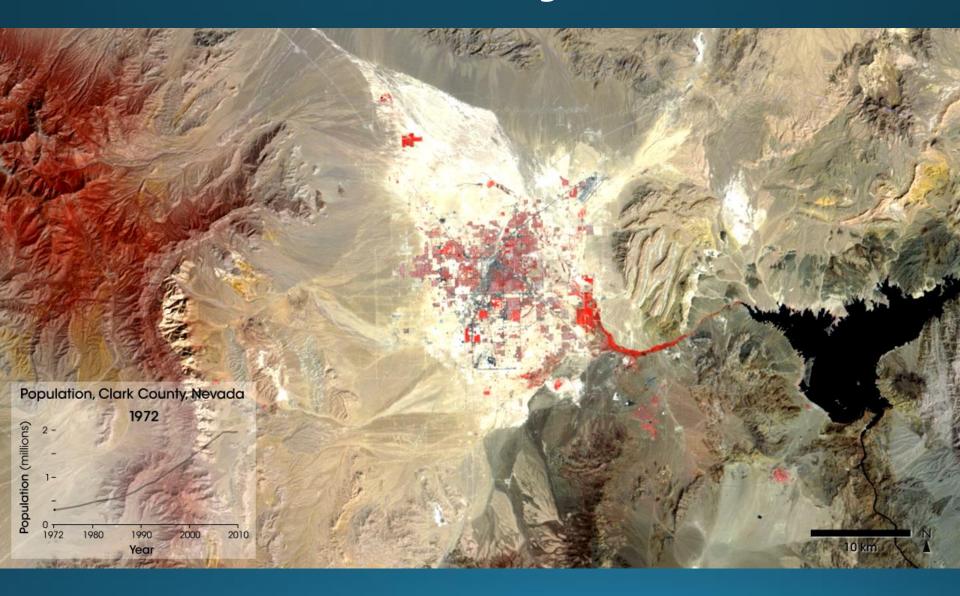


Visible Image: Google Earth





Growth of Las Vegas

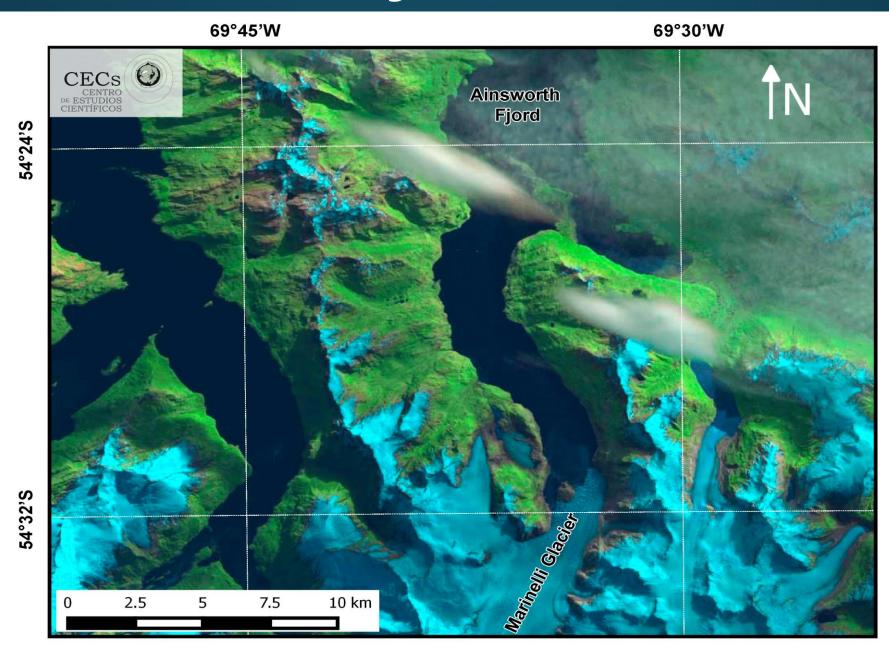




Deforestation in Brazil Amazon



Monitoring Glacier Retreat



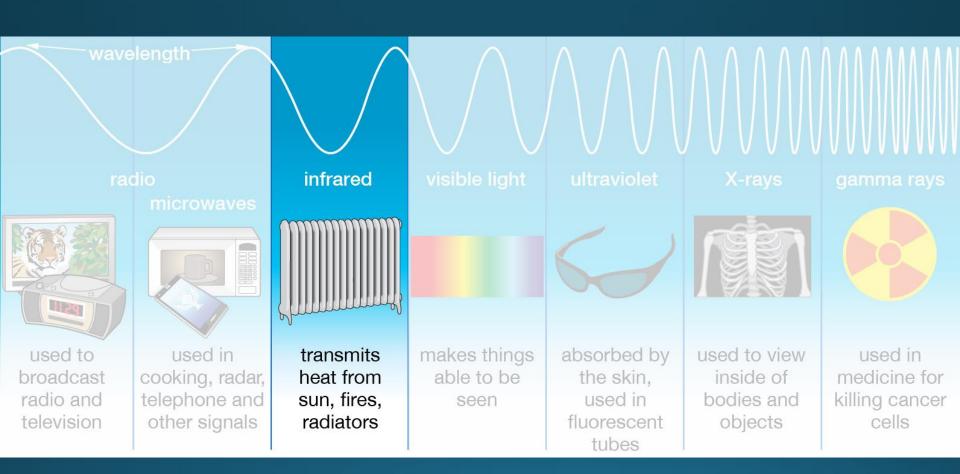


Earth Night Lights





The Electromagnetic Spectrum—Thermal Infrared





Thermal Infrared ("Temperature")









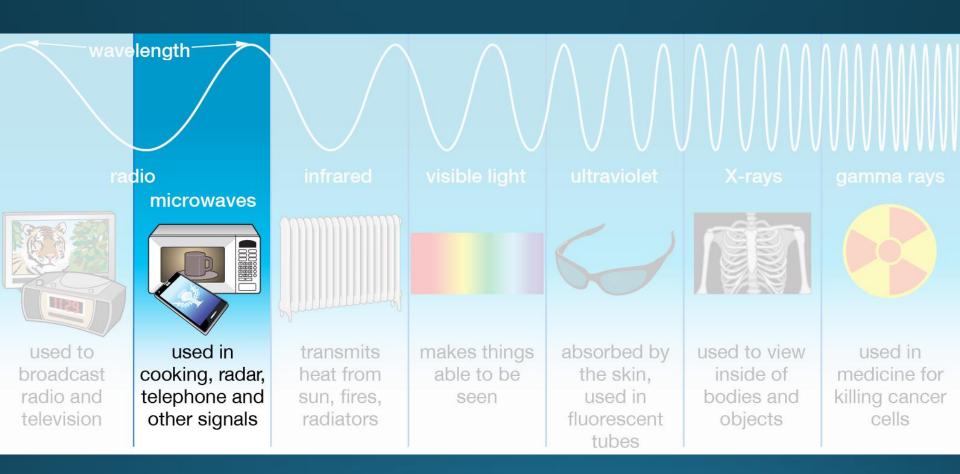


Global Fire Distribution





The Electromagnetic Spectrum--Microwave





Microwaves -- RADAR



Excite water molecules



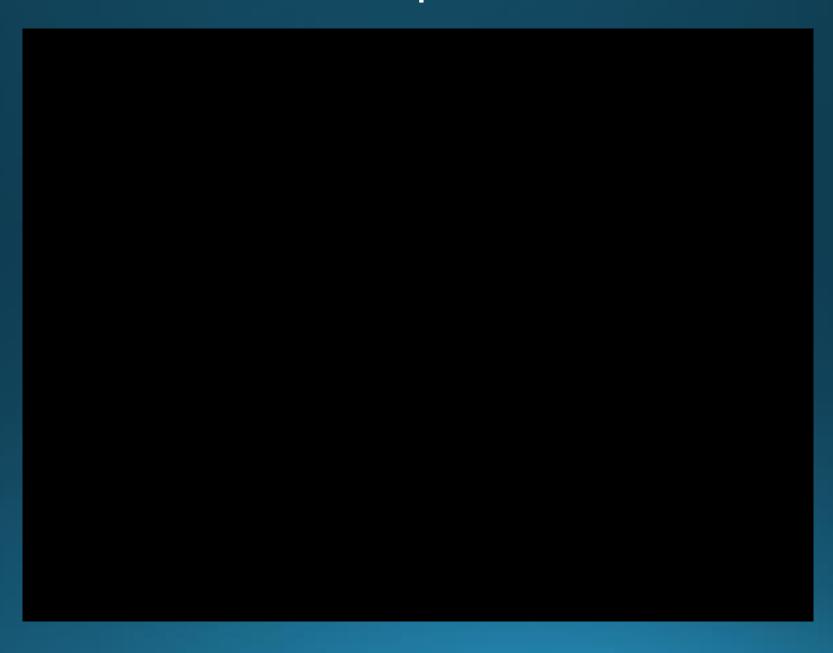
Speed using Doppler shift



Distance of rain



Global Precipitation





Land Subsidence from Groundwater Pumping





El Niño: Height from microwaves

